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PRACTICAL HOME TRAINING.

THE FATE OF THE SHACKLETON EXPEDITION.

Sir Douglas Mawson's expression of confidence in the safe outcome of the Shackleton South Polar Expedition, as expressed in an interview on his visit here a few days ago, is not shared by all the Polar explorers.

Newspapers from New York which have reached Honolulu show that the experts are very anxious as to Shackleton's fate. He was to have met the vessel Aurora after a march of 1700 miles across the Antarctic wastes, and the Aurora, torn away by a vast ice-floe, escaped from her winter fetters a year from the time she was frozen in. Consequently she was unable to keep the life-and-death engagement with the Shackleton land party. Now the dauntless young Englishman and his small party must probably stay another year in the frozen south. There is talk of a relief expedition, but it cannot do more than reach Shackleton next winter.

But the history of Polar exploration is full of remarkable achievements and Shackleton may come off safely.

Many previous expeditions have been directed to this inhospitable continent, the first of real importance being that of Capt. Cook in 1773-4. In 1819-21 the Russian, Capt. von Bellingshausen attained to 69 degrees 53 minutes south but his record was passed by Capt. Ross' expedition in 1840-1, which discovered the great volcanoes Erebus and Terror and reached 78 degrees south latitude.

The honor of being the first to spend a winter in the Antarctic fell to the Belgian, Capt. de Gerlache, in the Belgica, 1898; but Capt. Scott's expedition in the Discovery passed two consecutive winters during the expedition of 1901-4, reaching to the latitude of 82 degrees 17 minutes south.

A number of explorers were devoting their attention to the South Polar continent during these years. The German expedition (1901-3) in the Gauss discovered Kaiser Wilhelm II. Land; the Swedish enterprise under Dr. Nordenskjöld lost his ship in the Antarctic in the ice in 1903, but her crew was saved; the Scottish expedition under Dr. Bruce in the Scotia (1902-4) wintered in the South Orkneys; Dr. Charcot conducted two French explorations, in the Francais (1904-5), and in the Pourquoi Pas (1908-10). A Japanese venture under Lieut. Shirase had to be abandoned in 1911, and a German expedition under Lieut. Filchner in the Deutschland began work the same year.

The Norwegian expedition under Capt. Amundsen was crowned with success, as that explorer actually reached the coveted goal and hoisted the Norwegian flag on December 14, 1911. He afterward stated that he very nearly made up his mind to leave some tins of oil in a depot at the Pole. Had he done so it is more than likely that Capt. Scott, who found the foreign flag flying there, would have been able to return to his ship, as in his diary he complains of the mysterious shortage of fuel which hampered him.

It appears that some of the U. S. aviation service officers have been trying to "muddle through."

That education, like charity, begins at home is the theory of the United States department of agriculture, extension bureau, and its home demonstration activities among the women of the south have proved remarkably successful.

The summary shows that in the canning clubs 32,613 girls were enrolled, in the poultry clubs 9854, and in the bread clubs 3062. More than 6,000,000 pounds of tomatoes, vegetables and other fruits were canned. The average profit from each tenth of an acre that the canning girls were required to cultivate was \$24.01.

In the demonstration work among the parents 6871 women were enrolled and the total attendance at the demonstration meetings was 74,335. Two hundred and fifty rural community clubs are now in existence. The summary also includes a report on the number of labor-saving devices and home conveniences made by the women under the direction and with the assistance of the demonstration agents. These devices include 2181 fireless cookers, 1423 fly traps, and a large number of iceless refrigerators, wheel trays, etc. Six hundred and sixty-one houses were screened as a result of the work.

Much of the demonstration work in poultry raising, cooking, home dairying, etc., is of a character that cannot be easily summarized in tables of statistics. The results, however, have been very significant. In Virginia, for example, 670 members enrolled in 79 poultry clubs. One of these women cleared a profit of \$165.17 from 30 hens. In Oklahoma, again, 85 girls who reported the results of their work with poultry produced a total of 13,086 dozen eggs. They received for those eggs which they sold \$1619.08.

Not long ago political reformers predicted that doing away with the party conventions would end the era of deals and trades and double-crosses and factional brass-knuckling. The Democrats did away with their conventions and their party elections last Saturday were by the direct primary route, with the surprising consequence that charges of fraud, trickery and machine control now fill the air. It is evident that political human nature isn't changed with the facility of new law-making.

Prof. Cyril O. Smith, who has been named Kauai's representative on the Promotion Committee, is a live-wire in the educational field and was active in community affairs while on the Garden Island. He should be a valuable acquisition to the ranks of the boosters.

President Wilson says that America should not fight except for humanity. That would include, we should think, some action on behalf of the neutrals who are victims of belligerents overriding international law.

By voting for a literacy test in the immigration bill a number of members of Congress may find that they will be subjected to the new test at the polls next November.—New York World.

Too bad Capt. von Papen was recalled before being indicted.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR HOLY WEEK

Prepared by Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

The topic of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America for united prayer throughout the land for Tuesday, April 18, is "Authority and Courage. Be strong and be of good courage."

The prayer sent out by the council, in which everyone is asked to join, is:

"That we may not merely weep over city conditions, but work zealously for city redemption, and pray that every agency for moral, social and religious benefit may be blessed; that we may not have cities of shacks and shacks—Satan's Throne—but cities of God. That the great forces centered in them may be brought under the sway of righteousness; that all who have to do with making and enforcing the laws may serve as powers ordained of God; that

intemperance, gambling and social sins with their kindred vices and crimes may be suppressed. That our citizenship may be robust and manly; that public teachers may have courage and skill to witness against sin and to lead in constructive city building; that in civic as well as in church duties we may watch and pray. That the scandals of divorce and Mormonism may be blotted out. That holidays may be redeemed from mere pleasure and used to promote higher ideals of citizenship. For the Rest Day, in the interest of the humblest toilers, and for the home, the honor of marriage, and the renewal of family worship."

Read: Psalms 2; Ezekiel 33:7-9; Matt. 22:21; Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-17.

HIS LAST WEEK

Events in the Life of Christ During Holy Week.

Palm Sunday—The Day of Triumph.

Monday—The Day of Authority.

Tuesday—The Day of Controversy.

Wednesday—The Day of Retirement.

Thursday—The Day of Fellowship.

Friday—The Day of Suffering.

Saturday—The Day of Silence and Sorrow.

Easter Sunday—The Day of Resurrection.

TODAY—THE DAY OF CONTROVERSY.

Tuesday of Passion Week is known as the "Day of Controversy." A number of parables and episodes are included in a long day's program with the gentle Nazarene. Such incidents as the withered fig tree, the challenge as to his authority by the chief priests, the scribes and the Pharisees;

the attempted trap regarding the ownership of the Roman coin; the marriage in heaven queries by the Sadducees; the widow contributing her two mites into the church treasury; the voice from heaven glorifying the name of God; his rejection by the Jews in spite of all his sayings and his many good works; his discourse to his disciples on the future; and the conspiracy against Jesus by Judas Iscariot, are all part of the one day's events.

As part of the strenuous life He led that day Christ talked many times to the multitudes around him, or to his disciples, in which some of his best-known parables were told, such as The Two Sons, The Wicked Husbandmen, The Marriage of King's Son, The Ten Virgins, The Talents, and the Judgment Scene.

Personal Mention

HIGH SHERIFF W. P. JARRETT returned to Honolulu last Saturday from a business trip to the Big Island.

MRS. E. H. BROWN returned to her home last Friday from the Queen's hospital, where she underwent an operation.

GOVERNOR LUCIUS E. PINKHAM will probably postpone his trip to Maui, planned for this week, until next week.

MRS. CHARLES N. ARNOLD, who has been at the Beretania sanitarium for nearly a week, took a turn for the worse Saturday, but rallied and is considerably better today.

DONALD S. BOWMAN, chief sanitary inspector for the island of Hawaii, will leave for Washington, D. C., in the steamer Wilhelmina tomorrow to represent the board of health at the annual conference of sanitary engineers and inspectors.

ROKURO MOROI, new Japanese consul-general for Hawaii, will be the host at a reception at the Japanese consulate, Nuuanu street, at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Representatives of foreign powers, army and navy officers and territorial, city and federal officials have been invited.

K. HITAKA, Japanese ordnance expert, was a through passenger on the T. K. K. steamer Nippon Maru Saturday, returning to the Orient after three years passed in England studying ammunition and ordnance manufacture. He lost \$150 in a railroad holdup near Cheyenne while coming overland from New York.

A. C. WHEELER, assistant superintendent of public works, will probably be stationed in Hawaii permanently hereafter. He left for Hilo a month or so ago and at the time expected to be gone but a few weeks. Charles R. Forbes, chairman of the harbor board, remarked at a board meeting a short time ago that Wheeler would be on Hawaii for about eight months. The latest plans are to keep him there permanently.

DR. FRANK A. PLUM, a former Honolulu resident having been connected with Queen's hospital, has been appointed to fellowship in surgery by the Mayo Clinic and Medical Graduate committee of the Mayo foundation. Only seven other surgeons in the United States have had this honor. Doctor Plum, whose mother resides here, will report at the Mayo institute, Rochester, Minnesota, July 1, for his new duties there. He is now a surgeon at Olympia, Washington.

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MANOA ASSESSMENT. NEW ORDINANCE, ALL TO COME BEFORE BOARD

Manoa assessment ordinance will come up for second reading at tonight's meeting of the supervisors. Supervisor William Larsen will introduce some amendments to the ordinance setting a date for the payment of water rates. Consumers will be allowed 30 days instead of 15 to pay their water tax before a penalty is imposed, if Larsen's amendment goes through.

The county clerk's desk is clear of communications, the engineer has nothing to present to the board and

it looks as if it would be a quiet meeting.

Unless the present plan of Circuit Judge Clarence W. Ashford falls through, the territorial grand jury will meet this week. The judge intending to resume at once the trial functions of the court and the investigations of the grand jury.

The extensive improvements at the Moana Hotel, announcement of which was made some weeks ago, will begin this week. The order for the structural steel goes out by mail and meanwhile other preparations will be rushed. Of the two large wings to be raised, that toward Diamond Head will be first completed.

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FLY KITES AT MILLS SCHOOL ON THURSDAY

Boys of Mills School, Manoa valley, will hold their annual kite-flying contest Thursday afternoon on the School athletic grounds. Tourists and townspeople are invited to the event.

The kite-flying contest at the Manoa institution is always one of the big events of the year, and keen rivalry is shown by individuals and classes. This year a new feature in the contest will be introduced, a prize for the largest number of kites displayed by any one class.

In addition to this there will be the regular list of prizes for which competition has always been keen. This includes designs for beauty, uniqueness, distance and for fighting qualities.

The fighting kite is barbed for the fray with tiny particles of glass glued to its cord. The rectangular Korean kite with a round hole in the center is especially adapted for this combative work, and it is generally one of the Korean boys who wins the event.

Prizes for unique design always bring out a world of kites marvelous to behold. For example, there are centipede kites, cockroach kites, and rumor has it that there is to be this year a kite of Charlie Chaplin likeness.

In the chess competition the boys generally bring out kites of great

size. Last year the class of 1917 got a 10-foot kite into the air, but the cross-bars were unable to withstand the strain the wind brought against its surface, and after a brief but spectacular flight the big fellow came crashing down, a mass of wreckage.

Peter Kalam, leader of the Hawaiian band, has promised to have his musicians on the ground to play lively music throughout the afternoon.

Ample seating capacity will be found for all visitors.

ARMAGEDDON IS M'CORD'S TOPIC

A large audience gathered last evening to hear Evangelist McCord deliver his lecture, "Armageddon, Will Germany Rule the World?" in the Opera House. After a solo by Mrs. Chilton and a harp selection by Salvador S. De Nutrio, the evangelist said, in part:

"Armageddon means the 'eastern question,' and the 'eastern question' means, for Russia, a warm water port; for Germany, a place in the sun; for Germany, a place in the sun; Germany, with her seventy million population, feels her need of colonies. Naturally she wants her children to live under the colors of their fatherland, and the colonists of every great nation are more virile than their brother who stays at home. While colonial markets are perhaps necessary to meet Germany's expanding trade, a market nearer home is even more necessary. Such a market has been made to order in the Turkish empire.

COMMISSIONERS TO INVESTIGATE OPPOSITE TALES

Four policemen are in trouble. W. R. Chilton, Fred Wright, J. J. Enwright and Hulhi testified when John Gaspar was tried for heedless driving on April 4. Their testimony did not agree. In fact, it was so very different that the district magistrate, J. M. Monsarrat, sent a certified copy of the testimony and charge to the city attorney's office and in turn it was forwarded to the civil service commission. Tomorrow noon it will be the subject of an inquiry by the commissioners.

Chilton and Wright testified that they were at the scene of an accident to Gaspar when his automobile turned over on March 18. Enwright and Hulhi said they were there, but did not see Chilton or Wright. Gaspar acknowledged seeing the second pair, but said he had not seen the first. As the city attorney says in his letter to the commission, "Someone is lying." Tomorrow the commissioners will try and find out who it is.

What China is to Japan the Turkish empire is to Germany, and in this neglected country the Teuton would find a ready market for all the surplus wares of his homeland.

Spain has set aside \$1,100,000 public credits to purchase coal in Great Britain and the United States.